

Remarks

By this paper, claims 1-2, 7-8, 10-15, 18, 20, 22, 23 and 25-30 are pending in the application, of which claims 1-2, 7-8, 10-15, 18, 20, 22, 23 and 25-27 are rejected, and claims 28-30 are allowed. Applicant cancels claims 1-2, 7-8, 10-15, 18, 20, 22, 23 and 25-27 to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 28-30.

Claim Objections

Claims 7 and 25 were objected to as depending on a cancelled claim. Claims 7-25 are cancelled.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 7, 11-13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 26 and 27 are rejected as being obvious over Shotmeyer (3908690) in view of Koyama (4966522). Claims 1, 2, 7, 11-13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 26 and 27 are cancelled.

Claims 8 and 10 are rejected as being obvious over Shotmeyer (3908690) in view of Koyama (4966522) and further in view of Dunmire (2950930). Claims 8 and 10 are cancelled.

Claim 14 is rejected as being obvious over Shotmeyer (3908690) in view of Koyama (4966522) and further in view of Hagen (5108591). Claim 14 is cancelled.

Claims 23 and 25 are rejected as being obvious over Breslin (5474685) in view of Strauss (4243529) and further in view of Sloam (4789307). Claims 23 and 25 are cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 28-30 are allowed. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 28-30.

Conclusions

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully asserts that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

The Petition fee of \$245.00 is being charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978 via electronic authorization submitted concurrently herewith. Please charge any fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

Respectfully submitted,

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